

House Resolution No. 1417

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Show-Me State organizations to the well-being and vitality of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Boys and Girls Town of Missouri is an active participant in the corporate life of Springfield, Missouri, which is this state's third-largest metropolitan area; and

Whereas, the Springfield administrators, volunteers, and members of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri have wholeheartedly accepted the challenges associated with the prevention of child abuse and neglect and with ameliorating the effects of child abuse and neglect when it happens; and

Whereas, during April 2003 the Springfield offices of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri will observe Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month which was established by Gubernatorial Proclamation on April 2, 2003; and

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives truly values children and their potential as future societal leaders who will provide the vision, strength, and creativity necessary to guide this state in its future endeavors; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect occur to approximately eight thousand young Missouri residents each year; and

Whereas, Missouri parents, health and law enforcement professionals, educators, government officials, business persons, and faith-based organization volunteers must all work together to prevent the scourge of child abuse and neglect from taking away our children's future and the benefits which society as a whole will receive from our children's inestimable contributions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and considerable achievements garnered by Boys and Girls Town of Missouri down through the years and to convey to all of those involved in the programs and opportunities in Springfield this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their activities during Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month of April 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri in Springfield.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1417, adopted April 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker